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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on October 3, 2003.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-12 is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejection under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 and ⁹⁻¹²~~11, 12~~ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van der Heijden (US 6,536,629)

Referring to claim 1 and 10, a fixing member (7) having means designed to receive the dispensing member, and a substantially cylindrical skirt (lower portion of 7) designed to be engaged in the opening of the reservoir to establish leaktight contact therein, said fixing member (7) being characterized in that the skirt is provided with at least one vent (32) passing through the thickness of the skirt (lower portion of 7).

Referring to claim 2, the vent (32) is formed below a larger-diameter top segment designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening 11.

Referring to claim 3, the vent (32) is formed at larger-diameter middle segment designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening.

Referring to claim 4, the vent (32) is formed above a bottom segment including a larger-diameter portion designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening (fig 2).

Referring to claim 5, in which the top segment forms an outwardly-projecting bead (29) designed to flatten in the opening.

Referring to claim 6, the bottom segment forms an outwardly-projecting (29) bead designed to flatten in the opening.

Referring to claim 7, fixing member according to claim 1, in which the skirt forms an abutment flange (top part of 7) designed to come into abutting contact with the opening.

Referring to claim 9, the vent is formed at a smaller-diameter middle (fig 2, 32) segment designed to remain out of contact with the opening of the reservoir.

Referring to claim 12, in which the skirt (7, fig 2) surrounds the dispensing member with a free annular space between them at the level of the vent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

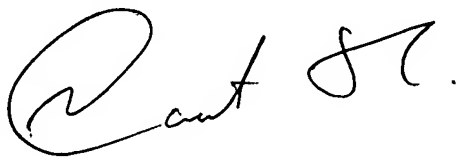
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Navneet Sonia Khaira whose telephone number is 571-272-7142. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mar Y. Michael can be reached at 571-272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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